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SECRETARY KISSINGER: I want to take this occasion to thank the French Government and the Prefect of this area for making my stay so very pleasant. In France I am always among friends. It is a country I love very much.

QUESTION: You suggested yesterday a tripartite conference. Where would this conference take place?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: There'll be no tripartite conference. I am not speaking of it. What I am saying is France is a close friend, Pakistan is a good friend. We have a problem in which everyone is interested -- how to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Three friends can find a way to talk about this in a civilized manner that is for the benefit of mankind and for their own benefit.

QUESTION: Yes, but when can we expect the next conference?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I don't know but when everybody is back in their --

QUESTION: Don't you trust anybody?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I trust everybody and I just have to make sure --

QUESTION: Yes, but when shall we have the next conference?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We will discuss it in a quiet manner over the months ahead. There is no immediate pressure.

QUESTION: Did you spend a good trip?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I had a very good time here. And it is a beautiful and peaceful countryside.

QUESTION: Do you like France?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Very much.

QUESTION: Is there any change in the situation between France, Pakistan and the United States?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We really have excellent relations with Pakistan and France, and they will be maintained.

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QUESTION: There was a little problem three days ago.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: There was what?

QUESTION: A little problem, I suppose, no?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: What would you people write if there weren't some little problem every once in a while? The question is whether it will be solved, and it will be solved. But my major point is to thank you all, to thank the French Government and people for making my stay so pleasant.
